

# **CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

## **NOTICE TO INTERESTED PARTIES**

The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) is required by federal law to submit Appendix H-Caseload reduction Report (ACF-202 form) to the Administration for Children and Families. This report is for Federal Fiscal Year 2007, for the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families program and must be submitted by December 31, 2006.

Notice is hereby given that a copy of the California's TANF Caseload Reduction Report for Federal Fiscal Year 2007 is available on the CDSS website at [http://www.dss.cahwnet.gov/cdssweb/SpecialNot\\_1232.htm](http://www.dss.cahwnet.gov/cdssweb/SpecialNot_1232.htm) or upon request from the office below.

Comments relating to California's Caseload Reduction report may be submitted in writing or fax to the address/number listed below. All comments must be received on later than 5:00 pm on December 22, 2006.

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# FORM ACF-202 – TANF CASELOAD REDUCTION REPORT

<b>State:</b>	<b>California – Overall</b>	<b>Fiscal Year to which credit applies: 2007</b>
Overall Report	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (check one)	Apply the overall credit to the two-parent participation rate? <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no
<p align="center"><b>PART 1 –Eligibility Changes Made Since FY 2005</b> (Complete this section for EACH change)</p> <p>1. Name of eligibility change: <b>Tribal TANF</b></p> <p>2. Implementation date of eligibility change: October 1, 2005</p> <p>3. Description of policy, including the change from prior policy: Cases transferred from county caseload to a Tribal TANF program.</p> <p>4. Description of the methodology used to calculate the estimated impact of this eligibility change (attach supporting materials to this form): The stated impact of -32 cases is based on the count of cash cases transferred from counties to Tribal TANF programs. See Attachment A.</p> <p>5. Estimated average monthly impact of this eligibility change on caseload in comparison year: <u>-32</u></p>		

## FORM ACF-202 – TANF CASELOAD REDUCTION REPORT

State: **California – Overall**

Fiscal Year to which credit applies: **2007**

1. Name of eligibility change: **Removal of Durational Sanction**

2. Implementation date of eligibility change: July 12, 2006

3. Description of policy, including the change from prior policy:

Prior policy required that individuals in the CalWORKs Welfare-to-Work program be sanctioned for a minimum of three or six months for their second, third or subsequent instance of noncompliance, respectively. Effective July 12, 2006, any sanction can end at the point a noncompliant individual contacts the county and performs the activity he or she previously failed or refused to perform.

While adults may be sanctioned, the case remains open due to the continued presence of the child(ren) involved. The removal of a sanction allows the adult back into the authorized unit (AU), increasing the AU size. Therefore, this sanction change will only affect the grant cost, not the size of the State's caseload.

4. Description of the methodology used to calculate the estimated impact of this eligibility change:  
(attach supporting materials to this form)

No impact to FFY 2006 caseload. While adults may be sanctioned, the case remains open due to the continued presence of the child(ren) involved. The removal of a sanction allows the adult back into the authorized unit (AU), increasing the AU size. Therefore, this sanction change will only affect the grant cost, not the size of the State's caseload.

5. Estimated average monthly impact of this eligibility change on caseload in comparison year:   0

## FORM ACF-202 – TANF CASELOAD REDUCTION REPORT

State: **California – Overall**

Fiscal Year to which credit applies: **2007**

1. Name of eligibility change: **Increase in Minimum Basic Standards of Adequate Care (MBSAC)**

2. Implementation date of eligibility change: July 1, 2006

3. Description of policy, including the change from prior policy:

The MBSAC was increased by 3.75% due to a cost of living adjustment (COLA). The new MBSAC levels have the effect of changing the applicant financial eligibility test by increasing the amount of income a family could have and still qualify for aid. The MBSAC went up from \$953 for a family of three to \$989, increasing the amount of income the family could have and still be CalWORKs eligible. The applicant family's income, exclusive of the first \$90 of earned income for each employed person, must be less than the MBSAC in order for the family to be eligible for cash aid.

The MBSAC is also used in determining the value of in-kind income for CalWORKs.

4. Description of the methodology used to calculate the estimated impact of this eligibility change: (attach supporting materials to this form)

No impact to FFY 2006 caseload. An All County Letter issued November 3, 2006 applied the change retroactively to July 1, 2006. Any impact will occur in FFY 2007.

See Attachment B.

5. Estimated average monthly impact of this eligibility change on caseload in comparison year:   0

# FORM ACF-202 – TANF CASELOAD REDUCTION REPORT

State: **California – Overall**

Fiscal Year to which credit applies: **2007**

1. Name of eligibility change: **CalWORKs EA Foster Care**

2. Implementation date of eligibility change: July 1, 2006

3. Description of policy, including the change from prior policy:

Prior to July 1, 2006, the Emergency Assistance Foster Care (EA Foster Care) program was funded with TANF funds. Effective July 1, 2006, funding was transferred to the State of California's General Fund.

4. Description of the methodology used to calculate the estimated impact of this eligibility change:  
(attach supporting materials to this form)

Cases which would have been reported under TANF funding were transferred to the State's General Fund. We summed the number of transferred cases for July, August and September, 2006. Comparison between the caseload before and after the removal of the EA Foster Care cases produced an overall reduction of 887 cases.

2006 Total Average Caseload including EA Foster Care  
Cases for 12 months

488,776

Average Caseload after removal of Foster Care Cases  
effective 7/1/06 including cases for 9 months

487,889

Net Impact

-887

5. Estimated average monthly impact of this eligibility change on caseload in comparison year:

-887

# FORM ACF-202 – TANF CASELOAD REDUCTION REPORT

State: California — Overall

Fiscal Year to which credit applies:

2007

## PART 2 – Estimate of Caseload Reduction Credit

### Impact of All Changes

Tribal TANF	-32
Removal of Durational Sanction	0
Increase in Minimum MBSAC	0
CalWORKs EA Foster Care	-887

### Caseload Reduction Calculation

FY 2005 TANF Caseload	468,099
FY 2005 SSP Caseload	38,397
Total FY 2005 Caseload	<b>506,496</b>
FY 2006 TANF Caseload	453,525
FY 2006 SSP Caseload	34,364
Total FY 2006 Caseload	<b>487,889</b>
Actual Decline	18,607 3.7%
Decline – Net Impact	17,688

Caseload Reduction Credit = **3.5%**

**Net Impact**

**-919**

# FORM ACF-202 – TANF CASELOAD REDUCTION REPORT

State: California — Overall

Fiscal Year to which credit applies: 2007

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Attachment A

Tribal TANF

	Cases Transferred from Counties to Tribal TANF <sup>1</sup>
<b>FFY 2006</b>	
First Quarter-	
October	47
November	34
December	30
Second Quarter-	
January	27
February <sup>2</sup>	26
March <sup>2</sup>	25
Third Quarter-	
April <sup>2</sup>	32
May <sup>2</sup>	33
June <sup>2</sup>	39
Fourth Quarter-	
July <sup>2</sup>	33
August <sup>2</sup>	31
September <sup>2</sup>	30
FFY Average <sup>3</sup>	-32

<sup>1</sup> The Tribes and Tribal Consortia included in these data are:  
 California Tribal TANF Partnership (Feb - Sep 06, est.),  
 Hoopa Valley Tribe (Jul - Sep 06, est.),  
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# FORM ACF-202 – TANF CASELOAD REDUCTION REPORT

State: California — Overall

Fiscal Year to which credit applies: 2007

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Attachment B

## Minimum Basic Standards of Adequate Care

CalWORKs Disregard System	
Gross Earnings	\$1,043
\$90 Work Disregard	-\$90
Net Non-Exempt Earnings	\$953

Family of Three

MBSAC	\$953
Net Non-Exempt Earnings	\$953
AFDC Grant	\$0

### MBSAC Levels

October 2004 levels for a family of three:

MBSAC = \$953

July 2006 levels for a family of three:

MBSAC = \$953

### Definitions

MBSAC = Minimum Basic Standard of Adequate Care

CalWORKs = California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids program



# FORM ACF-202 – TANF CASELOAD REDUCTION REPORT

State: **California — Overall**

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## PART 3 -- Certification

I certify that we have provided the public an appropriate opportunity to comment on the estimates and methodology used to complete this report and considered those comments in completing it. Further, I certify that this report incorporates all reductions in the caseload resulting from State eligibility changes and changes in Federal requirements since Fiscal Year 2005.

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<b>State:</b>	<b>Fiscal Year to which credit applies:</b>
<b>California – Two-Parent</b>	<b>2007</b>

  

Overall Report _____ Two-parent Report <u>  ✓  </u> (check one)	Apply the overall credit to the two-parent participation rate? _____ yes <u>  ✓  </u> no
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**PART 1 –Eligibility Changes Made Since FY 2005**  
(Complete this section for EACH change)

- Name of eligibility change: **Tribal TANF**
- Implementation date of eligibility change: October 1, 2005
- Description of policy, including the change from prior policy:  
  
Cases transferred from county caseload to a Tribal TANF program.
- Description of the methodology used to calculate the estimated impact of this eligibility change (attach supporting materials to this form):  
  
The stated impact of -32 cases is based on the count of cash cases transferred from counties to Tribal TANF programs. See Attachment A.  
  
We then applied the State's average of Two Parent cases to the impact:

FFY 2006 Two-Parent Cases	34,364
FFY 2006 Total Cases	÷ 487,889
State's percent of Two-Parent Cases	<u>      7%      </u>

  

Impact of Tribal Cases	-32
State's percent of Two-Parent Cases for FFY 2006	x <u>      7%      </u>
Estimated All Family Tribal Cases Impact	<u>      -2      </u>

  

- Estimated average monthly impact of this eligibility change on caseload in comparison year:     -2

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California — Two-Parent

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## PART 2 – Estimate of Caseload Reduction Credit

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Decline – Net Impact		4,031

Caseload Reduction Credit = **10.5%**

Net Impact

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